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WSP Detachment Make 28 Drug Arrest in the Last 5 Weeks

The Vancouver Detachments of the Washington State Patrol have been busy in the last five weeks getting the drugs off the streets. One of the four detachments in Clark County is supervised by Sergeant Thomas Butsch and has been especially productive dealing with drug arrests during this period. Sergeant Butsch's detachment consists of Troopers Richard Bettger, Bobby Clark, Todd Gates, Andre Liksakov, Bennie Taylor and Joshua Winborne. From November 2nd to December 13, 2005 this detachment has accounted for 28 drug and 19 DUI arrests on the roads in Clark County.

Listed below are a few of the specific arrests:

On November 24, 2005 at approximately 11:50 AM, Trooper Bettger stopped a 1994 Dodge Shadow being driven by Corey A. Runyon, a 38 year old resident of Ridgefield, traveling southbound I-5 just south of NE 179th Street. The Dodge was displaying an expired license plate tab.

A check of the registration showed the license plate had been reported stolen. Bettger stopped the Dodge and took Runyon into custody for possession of stolen property. Bettger searched the car locating a glass pipe and a plastic baggy containing methamphetamine.

Runyon was booked into the Clark County Jail for Possession of Methamphetamine, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Possession of Stolen Property and Driving While License Suspended.

On December 11, 2005 at approximately 11:50 PM, Trooper Bettger pulled in behind what appeared to be a disabled 1996 Ford Van with its emergency flashers on parked on the shoulder southbound I-205 at SR-14.

When the driver Perez V. Nelson, a 32 year old resident of Gresham, Oregon, exited the van, Bettger observed a bloody syringe on the floor between the driver's door and seat. When Bettger approached the passenger Virginia A. Jensen, a 26 year old

resident of Camas, he observed a second bloody syringe on the ground outside the van. A subsequent search of the van located a broken glass pipe and a vial containing a white powder residue in a purse.

Nelson and Jenson were booked in the Clark County Jail for Possession of Cocaine, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and Possession of a Dangerous Weapon (Lock blade knife).

On December 12, 2005 at approximately 9:05 PM, Trooper Bettger stopped a 1985 Nissan Sentra for defective tail lights being driven by Gregory J. Meier, an 18 year old resident of Vancouver, eastbound SR-500 in the area of NE 42nd Avenue.

Meier advised Bettger he didn't have a driver's license and produced a Washington identification card. A driver's and registration check showed the license plate being displayed didn't belong on the Nissan. Bettger smelled an odor of Marijuana inside the Nissan.

Meier was taken into custody for not having a driver's license. Bettger searched the Nissan locating two plastic baggies containing Methamphetamine along with two glass pipes with burnt Marijuana residue.

Meier was booked in the Clark County jail for Possession of Methamphetamine and Drug Paraphernalia.

On December 12, 2005 at approximately 7:15 PM, Trooper Winborne a citizen advised him of a theft of items from Taboo Video. Winborne stopped the 1991 Ford Taurus Station Wagon that the citizen described being involved in the theft southbound NE 86th Avenue at NE 36th Street. The driver Adam L. Sikes, a 23 year old resident of Vancouver, denied any involvement of a theft of items from Taboo Video. Sikes gave Winborne permission to search the car. Winborne located found some new adult magazines under the driver's seat. Winborne called Taboo Video and confirmed the descriptions of Sikes and his passenger Rodney C. Dickerson, a 19 year old resident of Vancouver, as grabbing magazines and setting off the alarm when exiting the store.

Winborne placed Sikes and Dickerson under arrest for the theft and continued the search of the car. Winborne located an eyeglass case containing plastic baggies with Methamphetamine in them. Winborne located two glass pipes with burnt residue in a CD case.

Winborne forwarded charges on Sikes and Dickerson to the Clark County Prosecutor's Office for Possession of Methamphetamine, Drug Paraphernalia and Theft in the 3rd Degree.

On December 13, 2005 at approximately 10:30 PM, Trooper Liksakov stopped an aggressively driven 1989 Chevrolet S10 Pickup southbound SR-503 at NE 71st Street. The driver Michael J. Povec, a 22 year old resident of Vancouver, was also observed not wearing her seat belt while driving. Povec advised Liksakov he didn't have a driver's license.

A driver's check of Povec and the passenger Robin J. Povec, a 40 year old resident of Vancouver, showed no valid driver's licenses. Robin Povec had a confirmed

misdemeanor warrant for failing to appear on a no valid driver's license charge in Clark County.

When Liksakov took Robin Povec into custody he located a baggy containing six orange pills positively identified as Oxycodone (Pain Killer) in a pocket on her coat. Liksakov took Robin Povec to the Clark County Jail where she was found in possession of a glass pipe and baggy of Methamphetamine. A female Custody Officer found the items when Robin Povec removed her bra.

Robin Povec was booked for Illegal Possession of Prescription Drugs, Misdemeanor Warrant and Possession of Methamphetamine. Charges of Possession of Drug Paraphernalia are being referred to the Clark County Prosecutor's Office.

The efforts these troopers have shown over the last few weeks are a small example of the difference the troopers of the Washington State Patrol are making every day in Clark County.

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